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TEXT (IN TRANSLATION) REFERRED TO IN REFTEL FOLLOWS. BEGIN  
TEXT:

"HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN VOLPE  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR  
ROME

"EXCELLENCY:

"IN OUR CAPACITY AS EMPLOYEES OF PAN AMERICAN WORLD  
AIRWAYS IN ITALY, WE BEG YOU TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN TO THE  
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT FORD, INFORMING THEM OF OUR  
CONCERN OVER THE RECENT DECISIONS MADE BY THE CAB WITH REGARD  
TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF TRANSATLANTIC AIR ROUTES TO TWO AMERICAN  
COMPANIES WHICH SERVE AT PRESENT ESSENTIALLY DOMESTIC ROUTES.

"THE CAB'S DECISION, AGAINST WHICH EVEN THE CHAIRMAN  
OF THE CAB, MR. ROBSON, EXPRESSED HIS AUTHORITATIVE OPINION,  
WOULD IRREPARABLY HARM PAN AMERICAN AND ALL ITS EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD. CHAIRMAN ROBSON DID NOT HESITATE TO SAY THAT, WHEN  
THEY VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE INCLUSION OF NEW CARRIERS IN TRANS-  
ATLANTIC ROUTES, THE MAJORITY OF THE CAB'S MEMBERS LOST SIGHT

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OF IMPORTANT LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES IN U.S. CIVIL AVIATION'S

INTERNATIONA PROGRAMS.

"WE WOULD LIKE PRESIDENT FORD TO SUPPORT AND ADHERE TO THE WISE OPINION OF CAB'S CHAIRMAN, AND NOT ONLY TO PROTECT OUR JOBS, BUT TO DO JUSTICE ONCE AND FOR ALL TO AN AMERICAN FLAG CARRIER WHICH, IN RECENT YEARS, HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY ITS SYSTM IN ORDER TO COPE WITH A DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION, MAKING DRASTIC REDUCTIONS WHEREVER WASTE COULD BE DETECTED OR SIMPLY MONEY COULD BE SAVED WITHOUT IMPAIRING IRREMEADIABLY THE QUALITY OF SERVICE.

"WE KNOW THAT THE 25 MILLION ITALIAN IMMIGRANTS IN THE UNITED STATES (WHICH ONE OF US DOES NOT HAVE RELATIVES OR FRIENDS OVERSEAS?) WILL CONTAC THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS AND THIS WILL LEAD TO A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN IN WHICH WE CERTAINLY INTEND TO PARTICIPATE, AND HAVE A VOICE.WE THEREFORE CALL ON THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IN OUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN HIS AUTHORITATIVE SUPPORT, HOPING THAT THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES WILL REACH A WISER DECISION.

THE EMPLOYEES OF PAN AM IN ITALY"

(68 SIGNATURES) END TEXT.VOLPE

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